



WORK SEARCH REQUIREMENT TO BE REINSTATED SOON

In the near future, claimants receiving unemployment benefits will be required to actively search for work in order to receive unemployment benefits. The requirement has been waived since March 2020 due to the pandemic, but because of Michigan's lower unemployment rate, the requirement will soon be reinstated.

> What does this mean for you?

To continue to receive unemployment benefits claimants will be required to actively seek work and report at least one work search activity per week during your bi-weekly certification for benefits. **Your benefits will not be paid until your work search activities have been reported.**

> What is a work search activity?

Work search activities include applying for jobs online, participating in virtual job fairs or employment workshops, or searching job listings at sites like Monster.com, LinkedIn or **MITalent.org**.

We will ask how and when you applied for the position, and for the company's contact information. Work search activities must be entered at the time of certification or your certification is not complete and your benefit payment will not be issued.

> Who has to do a work search?

Reporting your work search activities will be required for most claimants receiving unemployment benefits. If you have an approved waiver, the work search requirement is waived. A person may be eligible for a waiver due to COVID-19 related reasons. More information on waivers will be forthcoming.

> More details to come

Visit the UIA website at **michigan.gov/uia**, check your email and your MiWAM account for more information about the work search requirement in the coming weeks.